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Mail Stop Amendment

Commissioner for Patents

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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Dear Sir:

Transmitted herewith are an Amendment in response to the Office Action, mailed November 3, 2004; a Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement (sIDS), Form PTO-1449, and the cited art; a check for \$690 for the requisite fee for a three-month extension of time (\$510) and the fee for filing the sIDS (\$180); and a return postcard in connection with the above-captioned patent application. If a Petition for extension of time is needed, this paper is to be considered such Petition.



The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the fee for the extension of time and any other fee that may be due in connection with this and the attached papers or with this application during its entire pendency to Deposit Account No. 06-1050. A duplicate of this sheet is enclosed.

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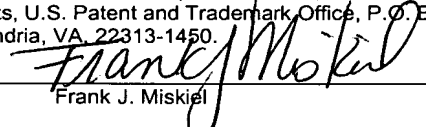
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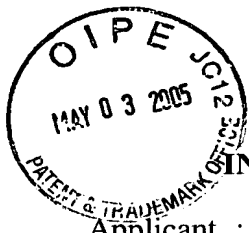
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AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action, mailed November 3, 2004, entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks are respectfully requested.

Amendments to the specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of the claims which begin on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 12 of this paper.

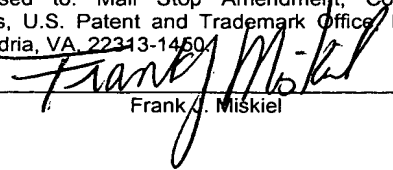
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